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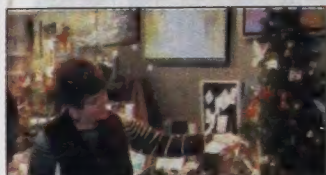
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Runway one step closer

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council
voted four-to-one to take the first
steps in creating a crosswind run-
way at the Stanhope Airport at a
special meeting on Monday.

After a discussion with
Community Airports Group
Ontario coordinator, Jim Scott,
council decided to hire Northway
Photomap, for a cost of \$18,572
plus GST, to take aerial photo-
graphs of the newly acquired land.

The land was formerly owned
by three Middleton brothers, who
sold it somewhat unwillingly to
the municipality under threat of
expropriation, to create the poten-
tial for a second runway.

"The decision to protect for the
future of the airport by acquiring
property is an important decision
onto itself, and whether at the end
of the day you decide to proceed
now or not is not necessarily rele-
vant in my books. The fact is
you've now protected for the
potential future development of
that airport," Scott told council
and about 21 local residents who
had come to watch.

Council can now go forward
with three steps: aerial images of
the land, geo-technical work (such
as checking the soil), and conduct-
ing a GPS layout, Scott said. Once
those things are done, a financial
plan for the runway can be com-
pleted. It is the goal to have that
plan done before asking for fund-
ing from other sources.

The one dissenting councillor,
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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Alyssa Oxley, 8, is in the
Christmas spirit sporting a Santa Clause hat on the playground.
After the second significant snowfall of 2007 on Tuesday kids at
ASES got a few minutes to play before the morning bells signalled it
was time for school. See page 12 for more playful pics.

Dorset prepares to fight for library

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

About 30 residents met in
Dorset last week to hatch a plan to
save their library.

Frustrated that the public had no
notice of the library closure
motion from Haliburton County
council and that no public meet-
ings had taken place before the
decision was made, the group got
together at the Dorset Library to
iron out arguments for saving not
only their branch, but all of the
others in the county.

"If we can get all four or five
small communities that are being
punished here with this decision
to get involved, ideally we'd see
groups like this in Gooderham
and Highland Grove and some of
the communities that are really
getting hammered here and see a
grassroots effort," said Dorset res-
ident Rob Walisser.

In August, county council
passed a motion to fund only one
library per municipality. For
Minden Hills and Dysart et al,
that means very little, since both
municipalities have only one
branch each. But Highlands East
has four and Algonquin Highlands
has two, meaning they will have
to close three and one branch
respectively. Since the county
funds the libraries, the municipali-
ties don't get to reject the deci-
sion; they must instead choose
which branch to close.

Walisser pointed out that this
county decision means 50 per cent
of libraries in the county will

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Minden Home Hardware honours late co-worker

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

Last Saturday morning Dave Staley closed down Minden Home Hardware so he and each of the 50 employees could attend the funeral services for a much respected co-worker.

Staley felt it was only right for everyone to attend the funeral for Leslie Iles, who had worked at Home Hardware for 16 years.

Iles was driving from his home in Haliburton to work in Minden on November 21. It was the area's first snowy day of the season and his car slid off the County Road 21

near Osprey Road. The car rolled and landed in a swampy ditch on the east side of the road. Iles was apparently able to get out of the car himself and went to the side of the road, where a passing motorist let him sit in their car until an ambulance arrived. He is said to have been cold and wet, but coherent and talking throughout the whole ordeal.

Paramedics took Iles to the Haliburton Hospital where he complained about having some lower back pain but seemed fine. Shortly before he was to be released Iles suddenly suffered a heart attack and died in hospital. He was 45.

"He was a good employee, very reliable," said Staley. "And honest as a person."

The funeral was last Saturday in Haliburton.

It's quite unusual for a business to shut down entirely for a funeral but Staley says, "He had worked here for a long time. We did it out of respect for Les," said Staley.

As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Moffatt holds out on expansion funding

from page 1

Carol Moffatt, said she was uncomfortable approving the three steps – which will cost around \$50,000 – when she isn't sure whether the second runway is a good idea in the first place.

"I won't approve it today. It just seems out of order to me. My concern is, you make these little sensible decisions along the way, and then one day you've got this thing that doesn't make sense," Moffatt said.

The crowd at the meeting was largely in favour of Moffatt's view, with audible support for her statements, while scoffing when other councillors spoke. Many in the audience tried to ask questions of Scott but were told that it was not proper procedure for the public to speak at regular council meetings.

It was the opinion of the other councillors that the steps outlined by Scott should be taken to find out how viable the new land was for a runway. Previously, since it was privately owned, the municipality was unable to assess whether the land would be suitable for airport expansion.

"It was a hard, hard decision for council to make to expropriate that property," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said. "One of the hardest decisions I've made in my 19 years. ... I'm having a difficult time, having done that without now finding out if we can put the runway in."

In the past, it has been asserted that the overall cost of a new runway at the airport will be approximately \$2.3 million. Algonquin Highlands plans to find partners to fund the project, including potential users from the provincial and federal governments and Haliburton County.

Following the decision to move forward with the three steps, council went into closed session. The resolution coming from closed session was to hire Jim Scott to coordinate the three steps for the municipality.

Harrison said she hopes to have a community forum on the airport runway in the spring, after all the information on the new property is collected.

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Look at what Minden has to offer first

Before you take your dollars out of town, merchants invite you to see how much is available here

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

When looking for that special something this Christmas, try looking downtown first before you head off to Lindsay, Huntsville or Peterborough, local business owners say.

Christmas is the last real opportunity storeowners have to make ends meet before tourists and cottagers return in the summer, and they're hoping local residents will help them – and the surrounding economy – by shopping at home.

"I just had a lady in this morning and she said, 'People wonder why stores close in small towns; well if people keep going out of town to shop that's what happens,'" said Shirley Kuni, who co-owns My Size Ladies' Fashions with her daughter Kim Russell.

Chuck Golden of Golden Stationers not only thinks some people go out of town to shop, he knows it.

"I come from Lindsay and I'm a member of the Lions Club in Lindsay. On weekends I'll sell Christmas cakes at the mall and see 99 per cent of the people from Minden," Golden said. But at the same time, he understands the draw of the shopping malls.

"There's more selection. You can walk into the mall, take your coat off and stay for two or three hours," he said.

Most storeowners share Golden's empathy with those who go out of town for gifts. There are often gifts that just can't be found in town, but those are few and far between, says Whispers North owner Susan Kellar.

"I try to spend some time and be thoughtful about the presents that I give. I can't think of anything we couldn't do locally that I wouldn't be very happy with," she says.

Kellar notes that at her own store, shoppers can find gifts made by local artisans. In fact, 80 per cent of what she sells is produced locally.

Light the tree Friday night in time for Santa's arrival Saturday

Come to Minden this Friday at 6 p.m. for the lighting of the Christmas tree on the riverbank. Join in the carol singing, drink some hot chocolate and check out the specials at the downtown stores.

On Saturday, the "Christmas On The Farm" Santa Claus Parade leaves from downtown Minden at 10:30. The parade ends at the Minden arena where there will be free public skating from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the kids can get their picture taken with Santa.

For more information contact Rick Cox at 705-286-1260 ext. 220.



Top: Sandria Garry, an employee of Whispers North, checks over the winter wares before the big sale on Friday.



Left: Newcomers to Minden, Alma and Walt vanderWindt with baby Jaden, opened the Goofy Moose downtown just in time for Christmas shoppers.

Below: Chuck Golden of Golden Stationers said once the snow flies people get in the mood for shopping.

"Rather than have a lot of work by just a few artists, we have just a few pieces by a number of artists. We have a few from surrounding counties too, and my only other criteria for what isn't local is that it has to be really special," she said.

If you're looking for something from Ontario-based artists, Walt vanderWindt's new store downtown Minden, the Goofy Moose, also offers a broad selection.

"I'm an artist that used to travel show-to-show all over Southern Ontario. I've got a good base of artists that I can choose from for cottage art," he said.

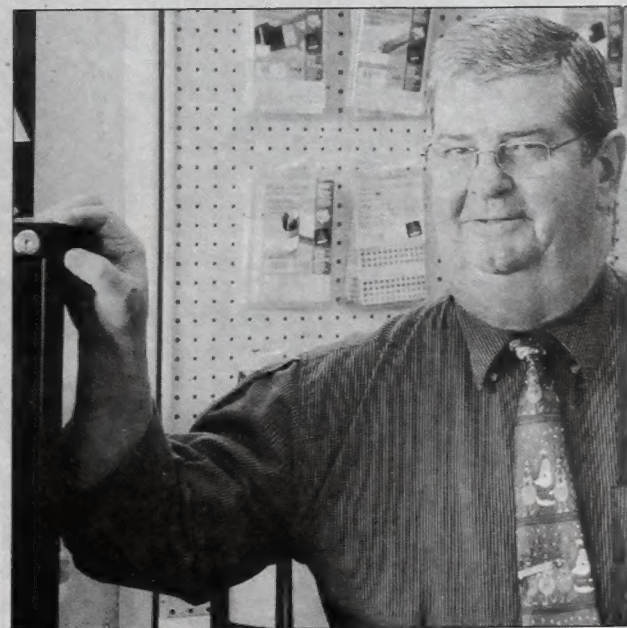
The Goofy Moose, an offshoot of the Carving Gallery on Highway 35, has six carvers featured and opened specifically for Christmas shoppers.

Aside from supporting artisans whose works are for sale in town, spending money locally helps the local economy, since most employees and owners are Haliburton County residents. When they make money it filters back into the community, said Deborah Lyons, owner of The Storeroom Natural Foods.

"When people shop locally, it just makes the whole economy here in Haliburton County a healthy economy. When people aren't shopping in the area, it does hurt. You don't really see what it affects, but it affects everything. It's kind of like a snowball," Lyons said.

Another reason to stay in town to shop is the mileage to the nearest shopping mall.

"If something needs to be exchanged you don't have to



spend \$50 in gas to go exchange it," Shirley Kuni pointed out.

All the storeowners noted that business picks up once December hits and the snow flies. The Magic Minden Weekend – beginning this Friday night – also helps, since nearly all stores have some sort of sale and the streets are bustling with parade-goers.

Gord Wright wins his last battle

The founder of the Ontario Camp Leadership Centre at Bark Lake in 1948, Gord Wright, passed away peacefully at Simcoe Manor on November 15 with his wife of 68 years, Ruth, by his side, and surrounded by his loving family.

Alec Wright said his father passed away just after he had read him a story from the local paper about the Town of New Tecumseth ratifying a bylaw to protect the Sir Frederick Banting homestead.

"I said congratulations Dad, you and Mom won," said Alec Wright, "and then when I read the next sentence, he stopped breathing."

Gord and Ruth Wright spearheaded the Banting Educational Committee which hosts the annual Banting Educational Day, held just two weeks ago.

Gord was a Canadian educator, athlete, government administrator, naval officer, camper, author and leader of youth.

In 1947 he was appointed to the Ontario government as Director of Physical and Health Education, a post he held until resigning in 1962 to accept the new national position of Director of Fitness and Amateur Sport in Ottawa under Diefenbaker's Conservative government.

Wright was principal of Banting Memorial High School in Alliston from 1969 to 1974.

He helped found several professional and sports organizations and served on many executives, including the Presidency of Canadian Association of Physical and Health Education and Recreation. He strongly believed in the value of camps to broaden and bond youth while teaching them skills, knowledge and leadership, and he established the Ontario Athletic Leadership Camp at



Jessica Young file photo/TIMES

At the Bark Lake Leadership Centre reunion this past May, camp founder Gord Wright, seated, was surrounded by Richard Devenney, Alec Wright, Swain Van Camp, Francis Flint. Wright passed away on November 15.

Lake Couchiching and the Ontario Camp Leadership Centre at Bark Lake.

At age 90 he wrote "Leadership - Beyond the Playing Field" with journalist, Katherine Mooij of Beeton. The book was a critically acclaimed guide to teaching youth to be leaders using the medium of athletics.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Gord Wright's life and times will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Alliston on January 19, 2008 from 2-5 p.m.

If you would like to view or post tributes to Gord Wright, please visit www.canadianidentity.com/wiki/index.php/Gord_Wright.

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OPP has no plans to suspend Taser use

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Despite multiple inquiries into Taser use across Canada, the Ontario Provincial Police insists that the stun guns are safe and should be available to every front-line officer in the province.

At the Minden OPP detachment, staff sergeants, sergeants and emergency response officers – a total of five officers – all carry the controversial devices, which deliver up to 50,000 volts of electricity into the body.

"We have Tasers, yes, some of the officers do," said Mark McMaster, community service officer at the Minden detachment.

"Has it [the Taser] been used? I would say yes," he said, although he could not specify when, where, by whom and with what result.

"The criminal code says you're allowed to use as much force as necessary, under the Police Services Act the actual use of the conducted energy weapon, they classify it as an intermediate force option," he said. No statistics are available on Taser use in Minden or Haliburton County.

Front-line officers are equipped with Taser X26, a hand-held device that can shoot probes up to 10.6 metres. The probes embed in the skin and an electrical current travels along the wires and into the body, affecting sensory and motor functions through the nervous system. The probes can penetrate up to 2.54 centime-

tres (one inch) of clothing each.

Concern over the devices has intensified since a video of RCMP officers Taser-ing an unarmed Polish immigrant in a Vancouver airport on October 14, was made public. The man, 40-year-old Robert Dziekanski, died minutes after being Tasered at least twice.

Since that time, three other people have died after being Tasered.

Howard Hyde, a Nova Scotia man, died Thursday, a day after being Tasered by police. A review was ordered by the province's justice minister into the use of the weapon. In Montreal, Quilem Registre died on October 17, three days after being Tasered by police. He was stopped for a traffic violation and became aggressive, police said.

According to the CBC, in Canada at least 19 people have died after being shocked with a Taser in the past five years.

Taser International, which makes all of the devices used by the OPP, said that there is no connection between the deaths and their product. In a November 16 press release, the company stated, "Historically, medical science and forensic analysis has shown that these deaths are attributable to other factors and not the low-energy electrical discharge of the Taser. ... These sensationalistic media reports [about the death of Dziekanski] completely ignore the earmark symptoms of excited delirium shown in the video."

Excited delirium is a condition that causes a person's heart to race and some-

times stop. It is accompanied by strange behaviour such as profuse sweating, violent actions and agitation.

Randy Peacock, the training coordinator for the OPP in Orillia, said there are three ways Tasers are used by officers in the province. First, "the Taser as a force presence. If you take the Taser out and actually use it to gain compliance through tactical communication. In other words, 'Comply, you don't want to be Tased,' that kind of thing," he said in an interview. After that warning technique, officers can either use the device with or without the probes.

McMaster said in an interview that he had heard nothing about the police halting the use of Tasers while the multiple inquiries across the country take place.

In fact, in a November 21 press release from the OPP Association, it states, "Tasers don't kill people; they actually save lives, and that's why this membership supports having every front-line OPP officer carry one."

Inquiries into Taser use have been launched by the B.C. government, the government of Nova Scotia, the Commission for Public Complaints against the RCMP, and the House of Commons in Ottawa.

The UN committee against torture stated Friday that use of the Taser X26 is a form of torture and should not be used because it causes "acute pain" and risks lives. Amnesty International has also called on Canada to suspend use of Tasers until thorough investigation into the devices has been done.

Police charge two Minden men after Water Street house searched

On Friday, November 9 shortly before 7:30 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment assisted by members of the Kawartha Combined Forces Drug Unit and the City of Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton County Crime Unit executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant at a residence on Water Street in the village of Minden.

Two Minden men were arrested at the residence and have been charged.

The first, a 40-year-old man of Minden, has been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking a schedule 1 drug-cocaine, Possession of a Schedule 1 Drug-cocaine and Failing to Comply with a Recognizance.

The man was held for a bail hearing in Lindsay.

The second man, 47 years of Minden, has been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking a Schedule 1 drug-cocaine.

The man will be appearing in Minden court on January 2, 2008 in relation to the charge.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Learning to talk

Algonquin Highlands is flush with controversy lately. First there's the pending decision to close one of the municipality's two library branches. Second is the potential second runway at the Stanhope Airport.

Both have the community up in arms.

The striking commonality between these two issues is the utter confusion of the people of Algonquin Highlands.

When the Dorset community gathered last week to strategize to save their library, one man thought the branch was closing for more kitchen space in the recreation centre.

After the special meeting at council on Monday to discuss the airport, another man wondered why libraries could be closed while the municipality was spending scads of cash on a new runway. (The answer is libraries are funded by the county while the airport is funded by the municipality.)

Both of these men were either misinformed or uninformed, but it's not their fault.

The municipality and county have been woefully reclusive on both issues, and probably on many more, when they should be open and informative.

It can be argued that perhaps these men should have read the Times to find out what was going on, but ultimately, the job of a governing body is to inform the public of progress on major decisions. And if they don't read the paper, do they deserve to be left out of council decisions?

Where are the newsletters? Where are the public forums? The township sends out a flyer with tax bills but that obviously isn't doing the job. And while Algonquin Highlands' website does have notices of special meetings and a vision for the airport, there are no updates on the incremental, yet important, changes for the library or airport.

To add to the embarrassment, the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation is holding a community forum about the libraries in the township. That is distinctly the job of the local government. Had it not been for a few Dorset residents who read the newspaper, the closure of their library branch would have happened without their knowledge.

There are some people who are just political junkies and keep up with government decisions any way they can. These are the people who end up leading the charge when the government does something distasteful. But doesn't everyone deserve to be informed whether they actively look for the information or not?

It could be useful for the county and all four municipalities to look into regular public forums for residents to get the proper information they need to feel connected to both their community and their government.

It will keep politicians accountable and the people happy.

Or at least happier.

Jenn Watt



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Frosty family

Photo by Matt James

TO THE EDITOR

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Library dispute democratic

To the Editor:

It's great to be part of democracy in action.

I've lived for many years in parts of Africa where people wouldn't dream of expressing a public opinion that is possibly controversial. Now I live a retired life on Kawagama Lake. And I've found my neighbours to be deeply and vocally concerned about the potential removal of our local Dorset library. Great to hear their voices!

We obviously need a library in a convenient place for us in this geographically distended county.

I'm proud to be now a voter in free elections. I'm also proud to support my neighbours freely expressing a valid opinion about the library, - a necessary ingredient of community life.

As a taxpayer on fixed income, who continually faces hikes in my assessment, I do wonder at the rationale of paying more taxes for possibly fewer services.

Respectfully yours,
(The Rev'd Canon) John Thompson
Dorset

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The very definition of bravery

WHEN PEOPLE THINK of outdoorsmen, a certain image is conjured up. Rugged good looks and raw toughness are but two characteristics that immediately come to mind. Despite being cursed with both, however, raw toughness is, in my estimation, the most important.

A person could hardly call him or herself an outdoorsman if they didn't have the innate ability to gnaw off and then re-attach their own arm with fishing line, whenever the situation calls for it. Sure it's hard on the teeth but sometimes it's just the only way out of a bad place.

The history of outdoors adventure is filled with tales of men and women who have managed to keep a stiff upper lip during times of extreme hardship.

In fact, I recently finished reading an interesting article about the great African adventurer Chauncey Stigand. That particular story recounted an incident where he was gored and trampled by a huge and angry rhino that ambushed him in the tall

grass. About 30 miles from any sort of help, and with a horrific sucking chest wound that you could almost see right through, Stigand performed rudimentary first aid upon himself and then trekked through the wilderness to a distant outpost, thus saving his own life. Though it was touch and go for a good while, he was back to elephant hunting within a year.

Not to steal his thunder but even as I write this, I have a sore throat and runny nose.

Recently, it's been pointed out – and it really doesn't matter by whom – that Stigand and I have a lot in common. I mean I'm sure he could hardly breathe too. Moreover, just a few minutes ago, I actually walked under my own power to the living room to procure

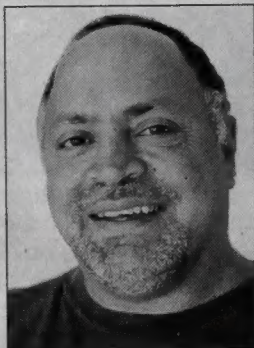
a life-saving Kleenex. As such, I think I can relate more than a little to the painful ordeal that old Chauncey went through.

True, having your chest perforated by the horn of a rhino, being trampled on, and then tossed thirty feet up in the air and into thorn bushes, is hardly comparable to having a runny nose and sore throat. But it's nothing to take too lightly either. Although, let me point out that at least there is a cure

or two for rhino wounds.

Don't worry about me though. I'll probably make it. Heck, I've been in tighter corners before. Once, I was forced to

swim only 28 minutes after eating a meal, thus risking what could have been a fatal cramp. Reckless? Foolhardy? Sure, but I really had to go and the beach was crowded.



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

Battle of the books

Reading the reports of the Great Library War in this journal, you would almost think there were two Eleanor Harrisons in Haliburton County. Or three Tom Gardners.

There is Harrison the Reeve, who explains to Algonquin Highlands ratepayers that the decision to close one of her township's libraries was made from outside and left her fiefdom without options.

And there is Harrison the County Councillor, who spoke out in behalf of the library consolidation plan and then voted with the other members of that august body to order the closing of one of her township's libraries.

There is Gardner the Deputy-Reeve, who sits on the Haliburton County Public Library Board and offered no public dissent to the library-closing proposal the board made to the county.

Which makes three Gardners; if you count the one who sits on county council and spoke there in favour of, and then voted for, the plan to reduce the county's library system to one per township, which would also eliminate three branches out on the wild frontier of Highlands East.

There is, of course, only one Harrison and one Gardner, and they both deserve points for bravery for acting for what they perceived to be the greater good of the whole library system when they sat at the county table.

Nobody ever won votes by taking something away from the people who elected them, as will Harrison and Gardner and the rest of the township council when they shutter either the Dorset or the Stanhope branch.

But there is nothing brave about blaming the closing on the county as though the decision was out of their hands. The two townships that will have to close libraries control exactly half of the county votes and could have kept their branches open.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Whether you think closing Haliburton libraries is a good thing or not depends as much on your world view as on all of the logic you can muster.

Every time a rural library, school, church, post office or arena closes, it sucks the life out of some little village. You can almost see the lights flicker out, one by one, along all the main streets of rural Ontario.

If your Wilberforce branch closes and you have to go to Haliburton village to get your books, it will seem perfectly natural to stop in at a Haliburton supermarket for your weekly groceries, so long as you are there anyhow.

For readers, all of a sudden Haliburton is just as convenient as Wilberforce and

the tax dollars a Wilberforce merchant pays to support the county library system draw business away from his store.

On the other hand, a library's only reason for existence is to get people to read books. If there are valid reasons for keeping a Dorset library open, maintaining a grocer's cash flow isn't one of them.

The county's choice is between quantity and quality, between keeping open eight branches it is unable (or unwilling) to afford and concentrating its resources in fewer, better branches. If you accept the Golden Report commissioned by the province a few years back, it is a choice between the status quo and fixing something that is broken.

Algonquin Highlands' choice is particularly vexed. Stanhope serves more of the township's ratepayers, but all of them go to some other village that has a library to do their weekly shopping so they wouldn't be cut off by a closing.

Dorset is a shopping destination and if it has fewer ratepayers than Stanhope, it may serve more people if you count folks on the Muskoka side of the street. Morally, the library belongs to both sides of the street.

The branches now threatened with closing arose out of their communities, nourished by neighbours who cared about reading, who wanted to give their sons and daughters the tools for a better life.

To the patrons of the county's little libraries, it must feel as though the county board that absorbed them half a lifetime ago holds them in a kind of trust, and now that trust is to be broken.

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The point is, we outdoorsmen are made of sterner stuff. Rarely do we even mention our horrible suffering to others. Even though this sore throat is killing me, it's just not my way to burden you with tales of nightmarish agony and maddening nasal congestion. No, I'm just going to be a man, put on my jammies, and sip hot lemon and honey tea while enduring this intolerable discomfort in my typically stoic manner. You won't hear a complaint from me. Not for as long as I'm tucked in. Of course, if you ask about it, I won't be rude either.

I guess it's probably a testament to my raw toughness and indomitable spirit that I still plan on going on a grouse hunting expedition early next week – just as I suspect Chauncey might have done had he the nerve to face these dangerous birds. Nothing can stop me – provided, of course, my sinuses clear up.

I can be reached at TheOutdoorLife@aol.com. Drop a note if the mood strikes.

Who does council represent anyway?

To the Editor:

Doesn't it make you wonder whom "our" elected officials are really representing? Did I miss the community meeting about library options?

In the Algonquin Highlands council minutes Nov 17, 2007, another \$12,799.60 has been "invested" in the Stanhope money pit (airport) with dollars that were not budgeted for that purpose but instead were drawn from "reserves" – this time for three 39' x 11' 1/2" hangar doors. Hey, maybe there is money for libraries in there too?

Or we could get rid of all libraries, road ploughing and other municipal services so that we can maybe afford half the tab of the \$1.8 million or \$2.8 million or \$5.8 million airport expansion.

It's all in your priorities. I think the people of Dorset and Stanhope deserve their community libraries.

Napier Simpson
Stanhope

Closure a step backward

To the Editor:

I am supporting the letter of Dorothy Strype (The Times, Nov. 14) deploring the backward step county council is taking, proposing to close library branches, one of the most valuable assets any community can have.

I am a summer resident, Lake Kushog, since 1968, but in many recent years summer has been five continuous months – and my taxes are paid on time.

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Both libraries valuable

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I have been constantly amazed and impressed at the content (non-fiction, fiction, mystery, children's, etc.) in a small building, but with benefit of rotation between branches. Staff service is impeccable.

This is not a plea to preserve Stanhope over Dorset. They are both valuable. It is an embarrassing disgrace that a modern community should even be considering a closing.

I am a retired professional, with post-graduate qualifications. I even worked in Toronto libraries as summer jobs.

Sincerely,
John D. Armstrong
North York/Carnarvon



Jenn Watt/TIMES

Knights of Columbus members Joe Maguire, left, and Garth Windsor present a cheque for \$300 to Joanne Barnes, manager of the Minden Food Bank. Council 12421 Minden raised the money at its 50/50 draw on October 28. Another cheque for \$300 has been given to Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Why not ask the voters?

To the Editor:

Re: your front page article of November 7th about the apparent quandary the council of Algonquin Highlands is in about the decision of closing one of its two library branches.

How about this? Instead of spending anywhere from \$2 million to however many dollars on a crosswind runway benefiting a few flyers, many of whom are not even taxpayers of the township, why not drop that idea and spend at least some of that money to keep both branches open, which benefits all the taxpayers, and many others, of our township?

Put that proposal to the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands and I'm pretty sure what their decision would be.

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close for 2009.

"[Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve] Tom Gardner says this is not a cost-cutting measure, it is a service enhancement move. My argument is that you're punishing 50 per cent of communities in the county, so our services aren't going to be enhanced," Walisser told the group.

At the last meeting of Algonquin Highlands council, the decision of which branch to close was postponed until February 7, after Jan McDonald of the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation pleaded for time to hold a public meeting for both Stanhope and Dorset residents.

She got her wish and the meeting will be held January 14 at the Frost Centre (neutral ground in the municipality) dining room at 7:00 p.m.

Residents at the Dorset meeting were perceptibly confused by the information about the library, with one resident stating he thought the library was closing because the kitchen space in the recreation centre needed to expand.

The Dorset library has a long history in the village dating back to the early 1900s. Only relatively recently did it move to the recreation centre. Ruth McLennan has lived in the community for many years and has seen much of the library's history firsthand. She's also not pleased with the idea of shutting down a service that has been in the area for so long and has helped pull the community together.

"When I was three, my sister was born and we lived right in the village of Dorset. My mother wanted a book, so she sent me to the library, so I know there has been a library for that long and there was one before that," McLennan said in an interview.

"The school had a very meager library, but the Daughters of the Empire always sent boxes of books to the school," she said.

The library of McLennan's youth isn't one that would be recognized as a library today. It was based out of the house of a local woman.

"The lady whose home it was in, Mrs. [Annie] MacNamara, had it when I was a little girl in the central area of Dorset. There was a library room. Also there was another home that had books for lending too. You could borrow books there. They would have community card parties and people could borrow a book and bring it back the next card party," she said.

From there, the library moved to the community centre in 1965 when the county took over, and when the recreation centre was being built it was housed in the school.

The Dorset school and the old community centre have since closed, but a library has always been there, McLennan said.

The group gathered at the library last week knows the odds are against them. In council meetings, numbers of users and books lent out at the Dorset library are noticeably lower than at the Stanhope library, which worries some.

"It pits the two communities against each other," McDonald said. "The numbers that they're using is 480 people in our area. That's really small compared to the Stanhope area."

McDonald said the community forum will do a world of good, not only to save the library, but also to build community solidarity in Dorset.

"We're inviting all of the county people, we're inviting the library board. Indeed, they need to know that when a community rallies it can have impact. I don't know in reality whether we can make a huge impact on the county council. All we can do is give it another try. They've got to hear us if we all rally," she said.

The idea originated at the county's library board, which has stewed over the decision for many years.

The reasoning behind closing libraries in the county is to improve services, according to a document prepared by county CAO Jim Wilson for the August 29 meeting. The move will reduce operating costs and capital expenses, expand resources, provide consistent services in all branches and longer hours, improve handicapped accessibility and put more books on the shelves.

The report also noted, however, that "loss of library

facility may have negative impact on the village where it is located," and that there is "potential to lose some patrons" and increased travel time for patrons.

The cons on Wilson's list are what the Dorset community is rallying around.

"It's only good if we can get there," said one resident who added she is not willing to drive to Stanhope – at least a 20-minute drive away – for books, and will probably leave the county to the much closer town of Dwight.

"We have to cross over into Lake of Bays and hope that Dwight won't make us pay?" said another woman. "We're not driving to Stanhope library. [Lake of Bays is] where our school went. Same place. That's where our library will be," she said.

The distance Dorset residents will have to travel to get to the Stanhope library is one of the group's strongest points against removing their library. In the Guidelines for Rural Public Library Systems, 2005, it states, "persons residing in the community are required to drive less than 30 minutes (20 kilometres) to reach the nearest stationary or mobile public library service outlet." It is 24.5 kilometres from Dorset to Stanhope.

The same guidelines also state that libraries should be built "in existing village and town clusters ... not isolated and 'out-in-the-country'."

That is something Walisser hopes will sway Algonquin Highlands to keep the Dorset library, should it come to a showdown between the two branches.

But the group gathered last week hopes it won't come to that. They are making a presentation to county council today (November 28), arguing that there was no adequate public consultation before this decision was made.

They want council to reverse its decision and allow more discussion.

"We've bought ourselves some time to go to the county level and fight for all eight libraries. At this point it's not a Dorset-versus-Stanhope fight. Unless we have immediate success at the county level, it [will be] a Dorset-versus-Stanhope fight," Walisser said.

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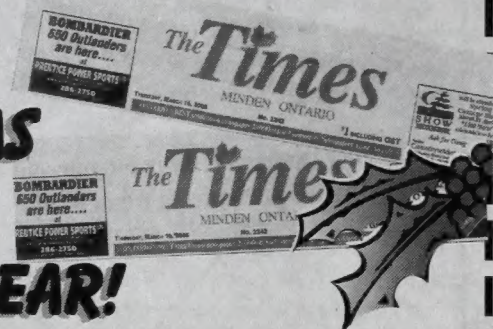


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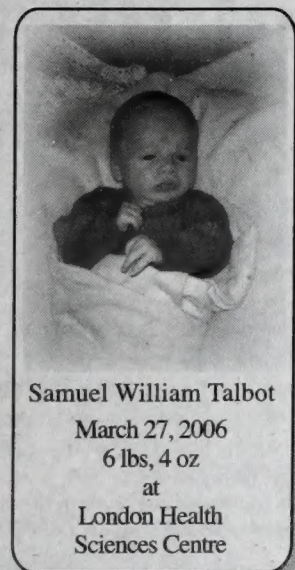
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Last November, local artists gathered in the former Minden Times office to paint the colourful banners which flew over main street this past summer. These banners can be bid on up until Saturday at 5 p.m..

Bid for a banner

Colourful street decorations up for auction

The bidding is starting to heat up heading into the final week of the Minden Hills Festival of Banners auction.

All the adult banners displayed from poles throughout the village during the summer are being offered for sale in a silent auction format. The bid book with photos of the banners is available at The Storeroom in Minden. Many of the banners have bids nearing \$100, with the pace of bidding picking up during the past week.

"We have noticed increased traffic in the past week, as people come in to top up their bids," says Deborah Lyons, chair of the Banner Committee and owner of The Storeroom. "All the banners have attracted bidders but there are some in which the activity is particularly busy."

The proceeds from the auction will be used to help fund next year's Minden Hills Festival of Banners.

"We hope to add 20 new banner locations for next season, which means even more local art can be displayed on the poles in Minden."

The banners up for sale were created earlier this year by 20 artists following a competition. They have been on display

throughout the community all summer. The artists were aware that their work would be offered for sale at the end of the season. Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School created 19 smaller banners, which will be returned to the students at an assembly in early December.

The bidding on the other banners closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 1. The banners and bid book will be relocated to the former Times building, next to The Storeroom, and be part of the displays during a Christmas art and craft sale being held in the building that day.

"We hope to have the banners on display and the bid book will be there so buyers can keep an eye on the auction action," Lyons explained. "We also have applications for next year's banner competition. Anyone interested can pick one up and start working on their design."

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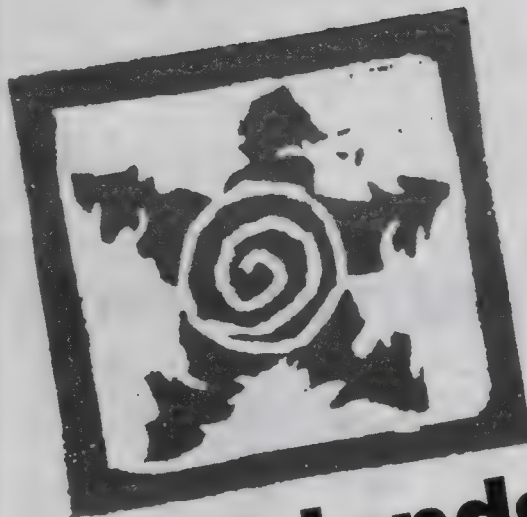


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A frosty day

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Sing with the angels

Travis Stephen has a soprano solo at St. Paul's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – if his voice doesn't crack

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

IF YOU WERE TO BORROW Travis Stephen's iPod, you'd find yourself listening to a mix of music: country (his favourite), Broadway sing-alongs, a few pop tunes and a smattering of rap.

But if you were to follow him to his Monday night music lesson and sit down in one of the comfortable chairs in Elaine Bell's basement, you would feel you were among the angels.

On this wet November evening, Travis is learning *If God Be For Us (Who Can Be Against Us?)* from Handel's *Messiah*. There's a really tricky part – actually, there are a lot of tricky parts – where Travis must sustain a high F note for 13 and a half beats.

His face furrowed with concentration, he sings *Who Shall Anything to the Charge* with a delightfully pure soprano voice. It's the type of voice that brings light into darkness and speaks of innocence and grace. It's the type of voice that only a 13-and-a-half-year-old boy whose voice has not yet cracked under the weight of oncoming puberty can sing.

He's okay until halfway through that long last note. His voice can reach the F but his lungs can't provide enough air to let it drift along to its intended finish.

Travis's face crumples into a Harry Potter grin when he loses steam four seconds into the note.

"I can only go to there," he says, pointing Bell's direction towards the note on the sheet of music spread out before them. "I don't have big enough lungs to do that."

"Try a breath there," she responds, singing the line for him. As the note fades, she takes a breath, turns to him and says, "Sometimes you can hold the note without blasting it away."

Later, sitting in the living room of the house near Donald that Bell shares with her husband Jack Bush, Bell says that Travis is a joy to teach.

"It's great to work with kids who like challenges," she says. "Part of it is that he has a natural intelligence for the music and he wants to get it right. I don't have to pound away. He's just a natural."

Jack Bush/Special to The TIMES



Monday nights find Travis Stephen taking singing lessons from Elaine Bell. He has a beautiful soprano voice which has both of them hoping won't crack before the December 9 concert of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

But he won't be a soprano for much longer.

On Sunday, December 9, Travis will be one of the four young soloists who will sing during the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden, where Bell is the organist and choir director.

Although Travis is almost guaranteed to be singing at church concerts for years to come, it's much more certain that this will be the last year he does so as a soprano.

"All boys are sopranos to start with," says Bell, a professional music teacher and organist who used to sing with the Tafelmusik Chamber Choir. "But this is the thing with Travis – we're playing a waiting game. How long will his voice last? Boys' voices usually change around 13 so he's living on borrowed time. If he's going to do this repertoire, he's got to do it now."

Bell has no way of predicting what parts Travis will be singing a year from now. Alto? Tenor? "You have to wait and see," she says. (Travis says, "I kind of want to have a

bass voice because it sounds so cool.")

For now, Bell is simply enjoying listening to Travis sing the soprano parts as much as his audience will on December 9.

Travis is the son of Mitch and Joyce Stephen of Haliburton. His father, who grew up in Minden, attended kindergarten in the basement of the church where his son will sing his solo, back in the days when Archie Stouffer Elementary School had a desperate lack of space.

At their house, the radio is tuned to new country stations and there's lots of country music stacked by the CD player. But Joyce is also a huge fan of live musical theatre and she's always taken Travis and his older sister Erin along.

Travis rhymes off the musicals he's seen in Toronto and Stratford: *Phantom of the Opera*, *Wicked*, *Oliver*, *Oklahoma* and *Cats*. Later that week they went to see *We Will Rock You* and soon they'll see *Dirty Dancing*.

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Travis hopes to have a career on stage

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"When I grow up," Travis says, "I want to go into musical theatre or acting."

When he heard that his schoolmate at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, Lauren Dixon, had landed a role in *The Saddle Club* television series, he wanted to know how she did it. When his mother told him that Lauren had an agent who lined up auditions for her, Travis asked, "How do I get one of those?"

It's not just the music that Travis loves when he's in a theatre. His mother knows that when she books a seat she needs to find a place where Travis can see everything that's going on, and not just on the stage. He wants to figure out the lighting and the entrance points. Just like someone who needs to walk around a conjuror's table to figure out how the woman is sawn in half, Travis wants to know how the magic of live theatre is created.

Earlier this year, Travis was at the Molou Theatre in Haliburton watching *The Flying Scotsman* as part of *Those Other Movies*. His attention was diverted from the screen, however, when his ears got caught up in the background music. He was transfixed by a song called *A Piece of Peace* by Nigel Jenkins, all thoughts about the movie plot forgotten.

If Travis is to pursue his dream of one day acting or singing in a movie on the Molou screen, then he'll have to share an NHL hockey player's desire to win. It won't be enough to have only the talent.

"You have to really want to do it," says Bell. "It doesn't pay very well and it's very hard. There has to be an internal drive – something you just have to do. You just can't not do it."

Travis's mom Joyce nods her head. "Travis can just not sing. It's just a part of him."

Travis got his singing start when he tagged along with his mother and sister to the inaugural tryouts for the Haliburton County Children's Choir. He was six, too young to audition, but he didn't know that. He must have somehow transmitted

his innate love of music to choir leaders Lorelyn Morgan and Lauren McInnes because they let him stay. Since then Travis has taken part in any theatre production he could, including the Highlands Summer Festival and Heritage Ballet's *Nutcracker*. He's been in every play going at JDHES, including the star role in last year's *Oliver*. He plays trumpet in the school band and has passed his Grade 4 singing and piano exams.

Although Travis is a bit shy, hiding behind an impish smile when he's at a loss for words, there's something about being on a stage that makes him forget all about himself.

"It's not just me up there," he says of how he's able to perform in front of a big audience at the Summer Festival or spring music festival, admitting that he also likes the part when people come up to him

afterwards to tell him how much they enjoyed his performance. Singing, or acting, on stage "just feels natural."

So does snowboarding at Sir Sam's Ski Area and watching his friends play hockey. He's got his Bronze Star in swimming and has curled in the TimBits bonspiel. Travis might be the only boy at JDHES who sings songs in Latin – after asking Bell what the words mean so he can sing with the appropriate feeling – but also enjoys sports. He's a typical

teenager in every way other than how he spends his Monday nights.

A few years ago, Bell and her husband did a church and cathedral tour of England. "Travis would have the time of his life if he was a choirboy in England," she says. "He'd be with all these kids who were like him – devils on the side but all these little angels when they sing."

Bell's next goal is to get Travis to sing Bach in the original German. It's an intimidating challenge for Travis but that's what makes him look forward to advancing to the next stage in his training.

"Easy songs aren't fun," he says.

Now if only he can find a way to keep that long F note going....



Travis Stephen started singing with the Haliburton County Children's Choir.



Travis is shy in person but relaxed on stage. In May he had the starring role in the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School production of *Oliver*.

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'We need to celebrate together as a community. As people we find meaning in coming together.'

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

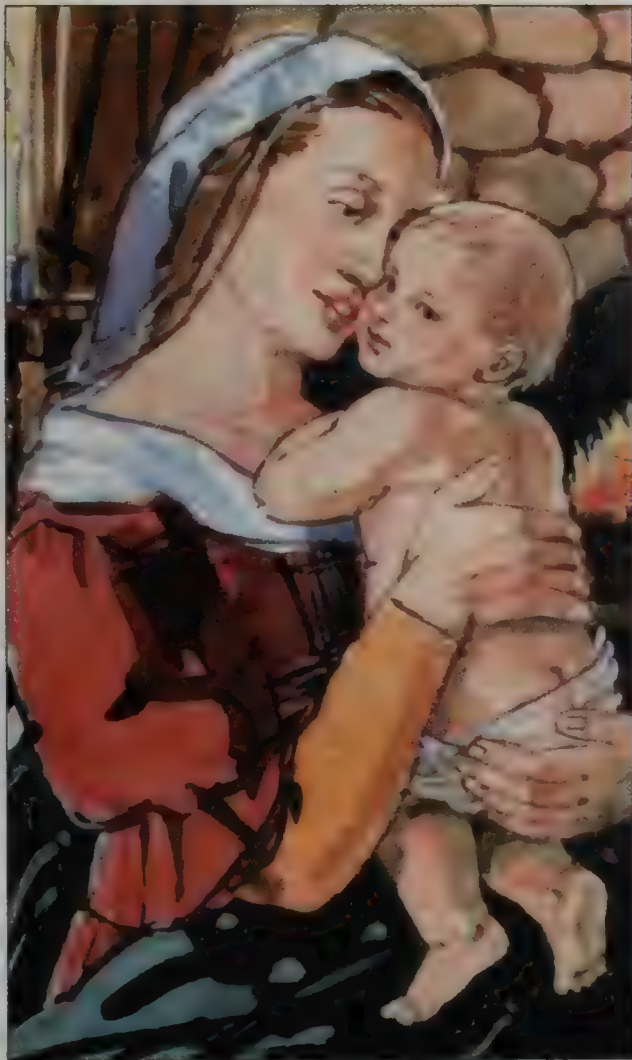
Every Christmas we listen to the same music and sing the same carols. How can anyone keep them fresh?

Elaine Bell has a simple answer: you make the music beautiful.

On Sunday, December 9, the organist and choir director of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden is taking a musical page from King's College Cambridge. Its illustrious choir developed a program called the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Bell is inviting the entire community to sing along in a Minden version.

The service, which starts at 4 p.m. at the church, links the words in the Bible with the songs that glorify Christ's birth. It starts with Genesis and ends with the poignant scene in a Bethlehem manger.

"Everything we do ties into the story - it makes it more meaningful," Bell says. Then, "when care is taken in how the music is performed, people feed off each other."



Suddenly, everyone is discovering the beauties of the music together, moved by how touching the message is when you listen to it with more than your ears.

Riscylla Shaw, the parish priest at St. Paul's, says that even though the Christmas message is so familiar, our need to hear it never ends.

"We can't get enough of that message. It's the time to welcome a fresh spirit into our lives," she says.

She has a friend who is not religious but who loves Christmas. "It gives her an opportunity to explore such joy and peace."

And who doesn't need some joy and peace in their lives?

As the title of the program suggests, the afternoon will feature the readings of nine Biblical lessons which will be interspersed with carols.

Four of the carols will be solos by Bell's students: Erin Stephen, Janice Kiteley, Nicole Jennings and Travis Stephen.

The first hymn is Once In Royal David's City and, keeping with tradition, Travis will sing the first verse all by himself, unaccompanied by the choir or organ.

When King's College Cambridge rehearses for the program, it has five boys learn the part but doesn't tell which boy will sing it as a way of reducing the stress level.

The audience will also join in on some of the carols, one of the joys of the season for Bell. "It's neat to hear people getting into it," she says.

Shaw says, "It's offering an opportunity to celebrate. We need to celebrate together as a community. As people we find meaning in coming together."

The service is free but donations would be appreciated. It starts at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 9.

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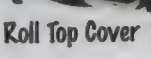
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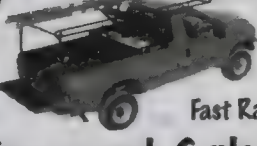
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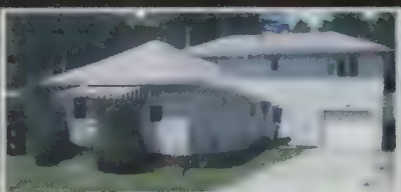
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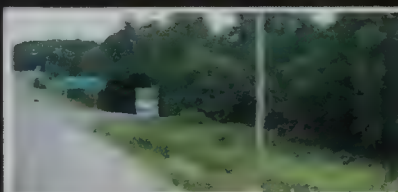
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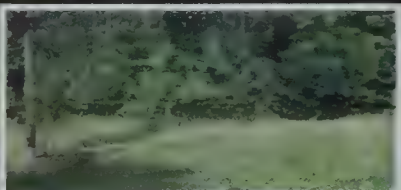
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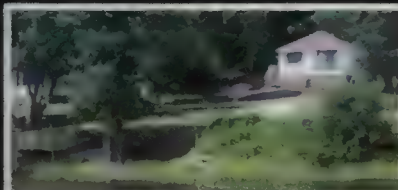
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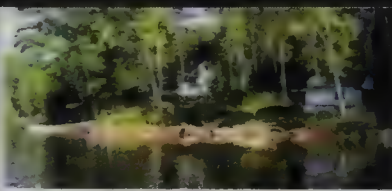
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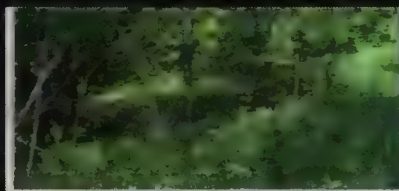
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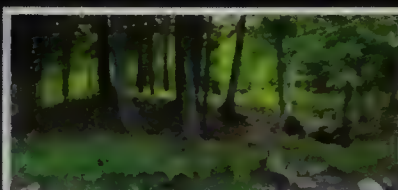
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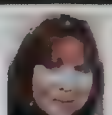
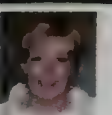
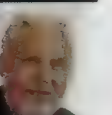
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Don Pflug Special to The Times

Do these people look as if they're having a fun time? They're certainly enjoying being the winners of the Minden Curling Club's annual Fun Day. From left are: Charlie Hadley, Pauline Plooard, Doris Ogley, Bruce Fisher, Julie Clarke, Ruth Gilmour, Joyce Wiltshire and Peter McNeilage.

Minden curlers do a little bit of curling and have a whole lot of fun

by DON PFLUG
Times Staff

Sunday, November 25 was another day of fun at the Minden Curling Club with 60 curlers participating in the popular Fun Day event.

Some of the curlers had never curled before and some of the seasoned "veterans" also looked liked they had never curled before.

Jim and Nancy Vincent, conveners of the event, surprised everyone with some innovative rules and scoring such as reversing the order of the players for an end and then having all players use the stick to deliver their rock for another end.

Vern Gillespie won a beautiful oak bookcase crafted and donated by Dave Millington and most of the curlers had winning tickets for a steak.

After the curling everyone enjoyed a pot luck feast.

The paired teams skipped by Charlie Hadley and Peter McNeilage won the event and the most honest curlers award went to the Taylor/Wiltshire team.

Sunday, March 9, 2008 is the next fun day and all members and social members are invited to join in the festivities.

Now is the time to sign up for the second half of the curling season which starts January 7.

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High Single: Dan Harding 281
High Single w/hdcp: Dan Harding 313
High Triple: Dan Harding 733
High Triple w/hdcp: Dan Harding 829
Women: High Average: Marlene Robinson 190
High Single: Clara Vuksic 213
High Single w/hdcp: Clara Vuksic 244
High Triple: Marlene Robinson 552
High Triple w/hdcp: Sheila Robb 667

Wednesday afternoon, November 14
Men: High Average: Ken Thompson 220
High Single: Riobert Terro 258
High Single w/hdcp: Robert Terro 292
High Triple: Robert Terro 663
High Triple w/hdcp: Robert Terro 705
Women: High Average: Marie Thompson & Nonna Terro 168
High Single: Solveg Stout 225
High Single w/hdcp: Solveg Stout 286
High Triple: Carol Snow 553
High Triple w/hdcp: Solveg Stout 732

Thursday afternoon, November 15
Men: High Average: Ken Thompson 219
High Single: Ken Thompson 326
High Single w/hdcp: Merv Bunker 307
High Triple: Ken Thompson 749
High Triple w/hdcp: Merv Bunker 740
Women: High Average: Shirley Webb 173
High Single: Shirley Webb 235
High Single w/hdcp: Shirley Webb & Clara Miasco 281
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Men: High Average: John Ritchie, 192
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High Triple: Ray McArthur, 576
High Single w/hdcp: Ray McArthur, 282
High Triple w/hdcp: Ray McArthur, 720
Women: High Average: Barb Ballantyne, 173
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Deer hunting enforcement blitz results in 67 charges

Officers also seize eight deer, nine firearms

The Ministry of Natural Resources checked almost a 1,000 hunters and laid 67 charges during a deer hunting enforcement blitz in the Bancroft and Minden areas.

Charges laid during the two-week firearm hunt, which ended on November 18, include:

Hunting deer without a licence, possessing a loaded firearm on/in an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or vehicle, shooting down a road, making a false statement to a conservation officer, possessing another person's deer seal, having an unencased firearm after dark, trespassing on private property while hunting, possessing or transporting illegally killed deer, failing to properly seal deer, hunting in a provincial park, and having open liquor in a vehicle.

Officers also seized eight deer, nine firearms, alcohol and narcotics. They issued 149 warnings. They are still investigating other cases resulting from the blitz, including two elk that were mistaken for deer and accidentally shot.

Bancroft and Minden have 11 conservation officers patrolling 61 townships with hundreds of deer camps.

The ministry appreciates all the calls they received from the public during the hunting season.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours.

You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Grants help lake associations plan for sustainable waterfront living in the Highlands

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council are launching an exciting new community outreach program for local lake associations.

Courtesy of a new \$104,700 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, over the next 18 months FOCA and the Stewardship Council will be offering consultation and professional support for Haliburton-area lake associations to conduct lake planning and community consultations, in support of sustainable waterfront living.

"FOCA's highly successful Lake Stewardship program was launched with Minden Ministry of Natural Resources in 1993," says FOCA's executive director, Terry Rees. "This latest initiative, generously supported through OTF, builds on

the strong tradition of active community involvement by the 100-plus volunteer lake associations in this region."

Established in 1963, FOCA supports the involvement of volunteers in waterfront communities in Haliburton and across Ontario. Waterfront landowners also contribute significantly to the leadership within the volunteer-based Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council. Stewardship co-ordinator Nicole Tuyten says, "Building lake planning and landowner support tools will be an important contribution to effective stewardship in our region."

The Trillium Foundation grant will allow FOCA and the Stewardship Council to provide advice, technical support and tools that community groups can use to build on local knowledge, and to put the vision for the area's future into practice.

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Tree will light up Dorset starting Sunday afternoon



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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The Community Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. beside the Fire Hall. This annual event includes a Christmas carol singing, free hot chocolate and hot dogs and a chance to meet this year's official tree lighter. What a great way to kick off the Christmas spirit!

Yoga classes are taking place on Monday evenings at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. For more details contact the Recreation Centre at 766-9968. Yoga mats will be available but please feel free to bring your own. Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing and bring a water bottle if you like. All are welcome!

You are invited to Ruth's Creative Memories Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at her home at 2425 Livingstone Lake Road #12. Ruth is offering 10 to 25% off in stock products and gifts for RSVPing, bringing a friend and for coming. For more information, email Ruth at lynchb@sympatico.ca or give her a call at 766-1148.

The next meeting of the Dorset Book Club takes place on Wednesday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dorset Library. The theme is a favourite Christmas story or a book of your choice. All are welcome. For more information, contact Ruth or Sandy at 766-9969 (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

The community food and toy drive will take place on Wednesday, December 5. Start taking advantage of those sales and stock up on items to donate to this worthwhile annual event.

The ladies at Knox United Church will be packing baskets of Christmas goodies for anyone over 80 in the Dorset area. Please phone Stephanie Rabjohn at 766-



Joanne Kourtz/Special to the TIMES

Comfort in scary times

Mildred Everest, Janet Rogers and Shirley Anne Sturgess present three cuddle quilts from the Pinetree Quilter's Guild of Muskoka to be kept in the fire trucks of the Dorset Volunteer fire department.

2207 if you know of anyone who has not been receiving a Christmas basket or anyone who has just reached the magic age (80 years old).

It is estimated that 39 million Canadians suffer from anxiety disorders. Anxiety is often responsible for sleep and digestive disorders, high blood pressure and other ailments. In his book "The Worried Child", Dr. Paul Foxman instructs us how to recognize anxious children and provides guidelines and suggestions for raising children who will be far less likely to develop anxiety disorders. The anxiety-prone child is usually responsible, dependable, motivated, and conscientious and strives to do well academically. The child often shows a need to please adults and peers, and to seek approval and reassurance. Parents are instructed to recognize that while these personality

traits are assets, they can also put the child at risk for anxiety disorder in adulthood. Positive life skills are taught that the child can use right now and in the future. The Haliburton County Public Library has this book and many others to help children and also adults faced with this sometimes debilitating disorder. Live powerfully @ your library!

Birthday wishes for the week of November 25 to December 1 go out to Alina Moon, Mike Baum, Matthew Woods, Lynn Quinn and Leslye Davidson. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please e-mail me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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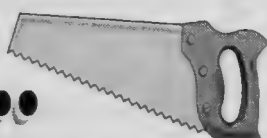
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Let's not cocoon ourselves this winter. There are many things going on all over. For one, plan to attend the Minden Santa Claus Parade this Saturday morning.

It starts at 10:30 a.m. at the township office parking lot in Minden. The theme of this year's parade is "Christmas on the Farm". There is a "walking mailbox" during the parade where kids can bring their letters to Santa. After the parade Santa will be at the arena to have pictures taken. Refreshments will be available and free family skating between the hours of 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. How cool is that?

Looking back, taking the kids to the Bolton Christmas parade was a tradition that our family enjoyed. We would dress up nice and warm and take to the downtown. There we would run into friends and neighbours. Chat a little. Grab a hot chocolate. Simple things that I remember as a fun time. Some years were colder than others and the endurance test was on us. We always tried to go anyways regardless of weather because there is an awful amount of work that goes into the preparation of the floats.

A few years ago The Hair Lounge and my business, Pine Reflections, put together a parade. It was certainly one of the best times we have had. Claudette and I put our heads together to come up with a master plan. It was basic but we threw all the kids on it including ourselves and created memories that will last a lifetime. It was a trailer full of gift boxes. Yes, we were in them, complete with ribbons and bows. Not too much room for moving around. The company van was covered with hand-made decals in the shape of flowers. Remember, I said hand-made. Since it was supposedly a toy truck it had a big wind-up key on the top.

My husband Nigel, who used to drag race in Cayuga years ago, was the driver. You might say it wasn't as cool as the '64 Camaro that he drove in a parade years ago but this one was more in theme. Our dog, Gypsy sat in the front passenger seat wearing the reindeer ears.



File photo/TIMES

Santa Claus returns to Minden this Saturday. He lands at the township office at 10:30 to take part in the parade which winds up at the arena. There he'll sit with children to hear whether they deserve a second visit on Christmas Eve. A parade is a wonderful way for a community to share the festive spirit.

Being the dominant female collie/shepherd that she was, she made Casey (our boxer) sit on the floor of the van. Fond members - many laughs.

To me, this is what Christmas is about. This year our granddaughter Alyssa Stiver will be on one of the floats and you can bet we will try and be there just so she can be embarrassed by family making a fuss. After all, isn't she the star? Now we know that all other parents and grandparents will be thinking the same thing.

As a child from a traditional Italian home (okay, don't say it - there she goes again) we weren't raised believing in Santa. To be sure he was talked about at school but he never came to our house. We tried to believe. My father's wool work socks, which we hung up year after year (not the same pair), always contained the same thing - oranges and lots of coal nuggets. Too much coal in fact! What was that about? Could have really traumatized a child.

Anyways, this week Alyssa asked me if there was a Santa. My answer to her was - yes. (With a sign of relief

I might add that Santa stopped delivering coal years ago.) Simple truth is that we must believe in Santa for as long as it's necessary.

Anyways it must be true. There he is year after year ending the parade with his jolly laugh.

The point here is to wrap yourselves up and be part of the crowd that supports the local businesses and organizations that work very hard to part of your memories.

Speaking of businesses doing a little extra, it was lovely to see how Sue and Kim decorated their front entrance at the Red Umbrella Inn. Colourful and happy.

On a final note, and I will warn you that I will be bringing this up over and over again until Spring, let's thank Thomas Contracting for keeping our roads safe for us. The roads are cleared early and as often as needed. It can't be too much fun getting up in the wee hours to go to work.

Thanks guys!

Anything to share? Just pass it on and I will gladly include it in my column. Have a great week!



NOTICE Township of Algonquin Highlands

The regular meeting of Council
scheduled for
Thursday, December 20, 2007
has been CANCELLED.

The regular meetings scheduled to be held
in January 2008 will be held on
the following dates:

Thursday, January 10, 2008
and
Thursday, January 24, 2008

Regularly scheduled Council meetings
will resume in February 2008 to be
held on the first and third
Thursday of every month.

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All ATVers should be reminded that the Haliburton County Rail Trail is closed to all ATVers as of November 30 unless an exemption is granted by the County of Haliburton. By-law officers will be out to enforce the by-law with stiff financial penalties. All ATVers need to support this by-law to ensure continued access on this trail.

The Haliburton County Rail Trail will re-open for ATV use on June 1, 2008.



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Envelopes should be clearly marked
"Snack Bar Attendant"
and submitted no later than 4:00pm on
Tuesday December 4, 2007

Gallery brings history to life

by LAURIE CARMOUNT
Gallery Curator

Our last exhibition for the year is of interest to all as it covers our history and heritage with a glimpse of local art. This is a Cultural Centre event as it brings together the collections of the Minden Town Museum and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

The Ontario Archives began in 1903 when responding to public demands for an historical records depository the Ontario government established a provincial archives under Alexander Fraser, a Toronto editor and historian. As first archivist of Ontario, he initiated an ambitious acquisition programme and began the publication of important documents in a valuable series of annual reports. The Archives Act of 1923 directed the transfer of inactive government records to the Archives and by 1934 it had developed as a major centre for the preservation and public use of documents, maps and photographs related to Ontario. Following the Second World War and the introduction of a comprehensive government records management programme, the Archives of Ontario became one of Canada's foremost archival institutions.

Today the Ontario Archives offers educational tours for institutions to borrow. The Cultural Centre curators have combined this with its collection. Consisting of four parts this exhibition includes panels of information on: David Thompson, Map Maker, Explorer and Visionary; Ontario Medical Records; Our Agriculture Past and Stories from Ontario's Movie Theatre. The Minden Town Museum will be adding to this items which connect the Archives panels to our heritage here. Understandably this will include items from Dr. Agnes Jamieson, farming implements, fur trading pieces, maps and surveys and other works of interest. The surveying, medical and agricultural aspects reflect a chronology of our area with interest points highlighted.

The Stories of Movie Theatres is more closely related to today even though it is historical. Recently the Haliburton area has seen how influential movies have

been to us with Toronto Film Festival nights, first successful film festival and potential saving of the local Beaver theatre.

This part of the exhibition will include a small 'mini theatre' built into the gallery where a silent film with Mary Pickford will be showing daily. Along with the Ontario Archive panels – where one can read about the great movie theatres in small towns and Toronto – the exhibition will include original movie posters from a private collection.

Mary Pickford (April 8, 1892 – May 29, 1979) was an Oscar-winning Canadian motion picture star and co-founder of United Artists in 1919. She was known as "America's Sweetheart," "Little Mary" and "the girl with the curls." She was one of the first Canadian pioneers in early Hollywood and one of film's greatest pioneers. Her influence in the development of film acting was enormous.

Along with Mary Pickford the Centre will be welcoming Charlie Chaplin on November 19. This is Monday night at the movies and you are welcome to join us for the showing of City Lights, a silent film featuring Chaplin. This has been proclaimed as the best film every made. Admission is \$5 per person and \$3.50 for Centre Members. Doors open at 7pm. Brought to you in partnership with the Highland Media Arts.

This exhibition opened November 1 and ends December 16. The Cultural Centre Gift Shop will also be beautifully displayed for Christmas with original art work, books, unique gift ideas from Minden and offering gift certificates for shop items and Centre Memberships. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. Located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden call 286-3763 for more information.



Matt James/TIMES

The medical supplies of Dr. Agnes Jamieson are part of the exhibit.

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NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

Council of the Township of Minden Hills, at its Council meeting of October 25, 2007, has requested deferment of the mandatory "clear plastic bags" for garbage disposal until after the Council meeting in November 2007. Council will approve the "clear plastic bag" use commencing January 1st, 2008, to coincide with neighbouring municipalities who are targeting the same date for implementation. The use of "clear plastic bags" will become **mandatory** at that time, and the Township of Minden Hills would like to thank their residents and business owners for their continued support in extending the life of all our existing landfill sites within our Township. Please note: clear plastic bags are available at most local outlets.



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Qualified applicants are invited to submit a detailed resumé clearly marked **TREASURY ASSISTANT**, no later than

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Fax: (705) 489-3491
Email: sgriffin@algonquinhighlands.ca

While we appreciate all interest, only those individuals being considered for the position will be contacted for an interview.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Woodman/Hajj
Part Lots 9 & 10 Concession 18, Halls Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared part of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lots 9 and 10 Concession 8, Halls Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) those parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lots 9 and 10 Concession 8, geographic Township of Stanhope described as follows:

FIRSTLY: All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lots 9 and 10 Concession 8 more particularly described as Parts 2 and 3 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-8075.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 6th day of December 2007 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: November 9, 2007

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Christmas tree set alight Dec. 6

As December quickly approaches there are many events to welcome in the Christmas season. Here in Kinmount on Thursday, December 6 at 7 p.m. down by the Railway Station the giant tree will come alive with its colourful lights as our town participates in the Lights Across Canada festival which will continue until January 6. There will be carolling, hot chocolate around the campfire and, of course, a visit from Santa. Speaking of Santa he will officially return to Kinmount on Sunday, December 16 with a Parade along Main Street. This favourite community event, sponsored by the Kinmount Legion and the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development, begins at 2 p.m..

Kids can write their letters to Santa at the Kinmount Library this Saturday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m. with members of the Library's Tweens & Teens Club giving a hand. Coming up later at the Branch on Thursday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. there will be Christmas Story Time & Crafts for children. For more information call the Library at 488-3199.

Enjoy and sing along to the traditional music of Christmas at the Kinmount United Church's Carol Service on Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m. in the church at 15 Cluxton Street. The following Sunday, December 9, there will be a White Gift Service at 9:45 a.m. with non-perishable food donations welcomed for the Minden Food Bank. Also on December 2 at 7 p.m.

there will be a Carol Service at St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount with reception and refreshments to follow.

Kinmount Legion's Ladies Auxiliary hosts a Christmas Bazaar and Craft Sale on Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. including a bake sale, silent auction and a light tea. Then, later the same day starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Legion, enjoy the Christmas Music/Trivia Night complete with prizes, a complimentary light lunch and a new feature this year Fill in the Lyrics.

More news from the Legion with results from the November 21 Big Bucks Bid Euchre. First was Ida Young with Jesse Barlow second and Judy Laita third while Theresa Deak held the hidden score.

Looking for a special handcrafted gift or Christmas goodies? There will be a Craft & Bake Sale sponsored by the Norland Volunteer Management Board at the Norland Old School Hall from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. The board actively continues its fund raising efforts for the Hall and welcomes your support of these events.

Book now for the Annual Christmas Party hosted by the Kinmount & District Business Association coming up on Saturday, December 15 at the Kinmount

Legion starting at 7 p.m.. This event is open to everyone interested in participating. The cost is \$15 with reservations available by calling Tom Lang at 488-2211.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

November 20 Stanhope Firehall Mixed Seniors Shuffleboard: Top team members were Connie Sawyer and Sandy Poulton.

with 269 points then June Fortune and Jim Meadows at 266. In third spot were Marg Wood and Ethel

Robinson at 242 while Dorene Elstone and John Platt had the afternoon's low of 151.

November 20 bid euchre at Minden Legion: For the ladies Phyllis Windsor was first at 299 with Elva Paisley next at 270 and Gala Stamp 244 third. Marcel Roussel led the gents at 274 then Marcy Morgan 246 and Len Kroes 244. Moonshots went to Albert Foster, Jean Scadden, Isobel Cherwenka and Maria Tschida while Helen Henderson, Gala Stamp, Jesse Barlow and Maria Tschida won the draws.

November 20 euchre at Gelert: Gala Stamp held the most lone hands and Rick McElwain took the draw prize. High scores were recorded by Rita Crofts and Rick McElwain with Lorna Hicks and Ralph Young tallying up the lows. Thanks to Harold Harvie for this update.

November 20 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Small Slams both by our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher first partnered with Paul Pethick and then Ev Morgan. Ross led the scoring at 6560 followed by Muriel McIntosh 6450,



After the giant Christmas tree is lit the community will gather for Christmas carols and a visit from Santa.

Harold Cox 6440 and Ev Morgan 5640. The lucky draw went to Bruce Armstrong and the Shiny Penny to Lita Peirol while Ross Fletcher was presented with the B.O.B. Award standing for Boom or Bust.

November 21 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: First in North/South were Jacqueline Metcalf and Bill Sandford at 59% with Muriel McIntosh and Diana Spicer next at 53%. For East/West the honours went to Lois Emmerson and Ev Morgan at 57% then

see CARD page 23



The Haliburton Family Medical Centre will be holding Flu Clinic on the following date:

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Card players get competitive

from page 22

Margo and Tom Davidson at 54%.

November 21 bid euchre at Stanhope: Five moonshots landed on Pat Scadden, Kevin Maloney, Willie Cox, Jean Scadden and Jack Cox. Merv Elstone topped the white cards at 273, Len Kroes was second at 260 with Chris Clarke and Jack Cox tied for third at 237. Leading the pinks was Lottie Ruttan at 249 then Willie Cox at 243 and Sharron Atkinson third at 228.

November 22 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Syd Adamson and Edith Burch with Edith winning one of the draw prizes along with our reporter May Bradbury [2]. High scores went to Lois Adamson and Jim Bradbury while Gala Stamp and George Hewitt took the evening's lows. Thanks to May Bradbury for this report.

November 23 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South champions at 64% were Kathie Porter and Ginnie Carmichael followed by Jane Krangle and Elva Robinson at 60%. For East/West top spot went to Willie and Jack Cox at 62% then Diana Spicer partnered with Margo Davidson a close second at 61%.

November 23 bid euchre at Club 35: Two moonshots went to Tom Pearson and Dorene Elstone while Linda Voycey held the hidden score. Leading the pinks was Jean Randell 272 with Marj Coffey second at 222 and Dorene Elstone 212 third. At 316 Tom Pearson was first for the whites then George Bye 277 and Merv Elstone 248.

November 24 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Marcel Roussel had a moonshot hat trick with Gala Stamp taking two and Bev Johnson a single. Marcel topped the whites at 303 with Jesse Barlow 258 second and Pat Bailey 228 third. At 283 Kay Naylor was first for the pinks then Gala Stamp 229 and Edith Burch 221.

November 26 euchre at Staunworth Terrace: Elaine Yeo reports a good turnout with Gala Stamp winning for high hands, Carol Derbyshire for lone hands, Randy McNabb for low hands and Don Jemmett for the draw. New players of all skill levels are always welcome to join in.

November 26 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands column it was Verna McDonald and Jesse Barlow with Joyce Ritchie and Lorna Hicks taking the high scores. Mabel Deacon had the afternoon's low and also won a special prize along with Jesse Barlow.

November 26 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio in order were Elli Langpohl, Dorothy McElwain and Sharron Atkinson. Elli also won the draw while Roger Fournier, Tony Rivait, Rose Isaacson, Tom Grix and Mike St. Thomas had moonshots.

November 26 cribbage at Minden Legion: In first place was Tom Grix with Sharron Atkinson second and Edith Burch third. The other prizes went to Karen Chapman, Edith Burch and Verna McDonald.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In 2009, Minden will be celebrating its 150th Birthday! The Township of Minden Hills is looking for local residents willing to sit on the Minden Sesquicentennial Celebrations Steering Committee to help plan events to celebrate this very special year. The Township encourages volunteers of all ages to step forward to ensure activities are planned for every age group.

The Township is also developing a Volunteer Strategy to ensure that volunteers are appropriately managed, supported, and recognized. Therefore, we are looking for knowledgeable citizens with volunteer management experience to provide input and guidance to the Strategy as members of a new Volunteer Strategy Committee.

We would ask interested citizens to complete a Letter of Interest (forms are available at www.minden.on.ca or on the 2nd floor of the municipal office) by December 5th, 2007. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned:

Rick Cox, Director of Community Services
(705) 286-1260 ext. 220
rcox@county.haliburton.on.ca

or

Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk
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- **Nov. 28:** Haliburton OEYC Parent Talk Time - Raising a Confident Child. Wed. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Have you ever wondered how you can make a difference in raising your child's confidence? Gain valuable ideas that have a big impact on your child's future. Call 457-2989.
- **Nov. 29:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Legion Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Thursday. A light lunch will be served at Noon followed by the meeting at 1 p.m. Our Zone Commander will be our guest. Members please try to attend.
- **Nov. 29:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255.
- **Nov. 29:** Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach - Lloyd Watson Centre Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 20. (Please note the date change). Drop-in & see us every other Thursday at 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks; & guest speakers. Call 457-2989 for info.
- **Nov. 30:** Christmas luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Main Street, Minden, Fri., 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., featuring Fern's fabulous homemade soup, sandwiches, goodies. Preschoolers free. Also featured are a 50/50 draw, door prizes & homemade baking. (Please note: Snow date: Sat., Dec. 1, same time).
- **Nov. 30 to Dec. 2:** GAIA Centre - Deepening our Compassion: Abbess Khenmo Drolma & The Bodhisattva Way of Life i.e. the awakened warrior - the highest ideal in Tibetan Buddhism. Teachings & meditation training. All faiths & levels of meditation experience welcome. To register or for directions call 754-2427.
- **Dec. 1:** Christmas Sale & Bake Sale. Sponsored by Minden Health Care Auxiliary. Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Highland Crest Gift Shop.
- **Dec. 1:** Christmas Craft Sale & Lunch - Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Wilberforce Heritage Guild.
- **Dec. 1:** Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Santa arrives at 9 a.m. reads a short story to the children, & then leaves to get ready for the Minden Santa Claus Parade. Breakfast consists of Pancakes, bacon, orange juice or milk & coffee for a fee.
- **Dec. 2:** The Coboconk Legion is having its Santa Claus parade on Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. The Coboconk Food Bank will be collecting non-parishable food items, along the parade route. There will be 2 or 3 volunteers from the Food bank & the Coboconk Fire Fighters collecting. Need more info call Betty at 454-9351. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.
- **Dec. 2:** S.E.A.L. meeting, 2 p.m., Lion's Hall, 55 Main St. Bobcaygeon. Annual Pot Luck meal, discussion of Global Water Crisis. Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living. www.sealweb.org
- **Dec. 3 & 10:** Health & Safety Training available to Employer/Employees in the County. On Dec. 3 & 10 there is Level One Training for members. If you are interested please call 457-5345 to register or e-mail info@pointintime.ca.
- **Dec. 4:** Haliburton OEYC Parent Talk Time - Potty Time. Tues., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Are you wondering if your child is ready or how to start training? Have you already started but need some tips & ideas to keep it going? Join Lisa Hamilton from Point in Time as she shares ideas to assist with potty time in your home. For more info call 457-2989.
- **Dec. 4:** The Haliburton Highlands Writers & Editors Network is hosting its third annual "A Writer's Christmas" to resurrect those memories & traditions to share with others. It will be an evening of dinner, readings & music. Location: The Pepper Mill Restaurant in Carnarvon. A silent auction will be featured to support HHWN events in 2008. Call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 for tickets or info. Advance tickets sales only.

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- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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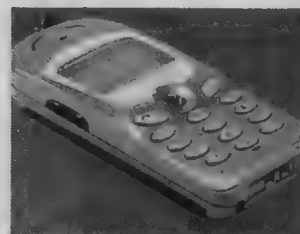
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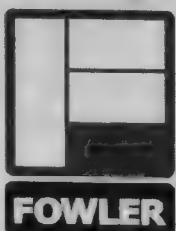
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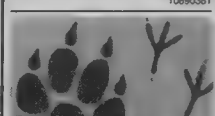
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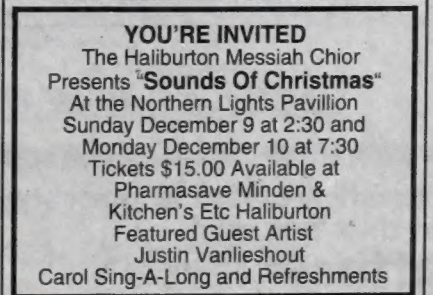
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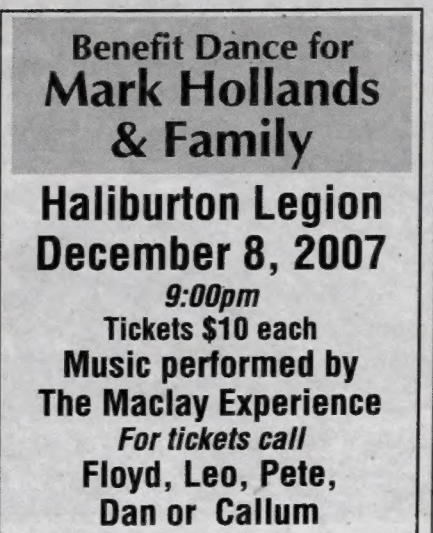
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Announcements

Deaths

ANTHONY, Marie - Passed away suddenly at home in Gelert, Ontario on Wednesday, November 21, 2007.

Beloved wife of Joe Anthony for 36 years. Dear mother of Pam Anthony (Bill) and Martin Bloom, predeceased by Steve Anthony and Randy Bloom. Loving grandma of Lisa (Bruan), Christopher (Tanya), Aaron and great grandma of Decoda, Story and Anthony. Dear sister of Richard, Allan and predeceased by Mabel and Harold.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Thursday evening from 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday, November 23, 2007 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Interment at the Aurora Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Lupus Foundation or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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BOOTH, Donald "Donny" (Retired Fire Chief of the Minden Fire Department)

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Funeral Service in the chapel on Saturday, November 24, 2007 at 1:00 pm.

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O'SHAUGHNESSY, Patrick Gerald, RCCA - With the stoicism and humility that characterized his heroic battle, peacefully at age 60 years, on Wednesday November 21, 2007 at Toronto General Hospital. Patrick was the beloved husband of Margaret and loving father of Thomas of Toronto. Predeceased by his darling mother Jeanne, father Gerald and brother Jack (Jo-Anne Firlotte) and remembered fondly by Peggy (Boyd) of Bancroft, Mike (Linda) of Thunder Bay, Susan (Bruce) of Calgary, the Lesa Family, and his many friends, including those on Shuylers Island with whom he spent much time perfecting his golf swing. Patrick's life will also be richly celebrated by all of his colleagues in the Ministry of Transportation and DM Wills Consulting Engineers where he was dedicated to a rewarding career of public service. Family and friends are invited to join in a celebration of Patrick's life at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 28 at St. John's Anglican Church, Bancroft. Reception to follow. Donations (in lieu of flowers) may be made in Patrick's memory to Toronto General Hospital MSCU, www.tgwhf-uhn.ca. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Baragar Funeral Home, Bancroft**.

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Births

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Thanks to all the homcare workers that made it possible for Dad to make Parklane his home & also the many friends and residents of Parklane that kept an eagle-eye on him, to make sure he was O.K.

To all the Highland Wood staff, volunteers & residents, for all your care and efforts to make Dad's stay the best it could be.

Thanks go out to all the doctors, nurses & ambulance attendants that watched over Dad from time to time.

We thank the many people of Haliburton whom had a chance to rub elbows with Dad, whether it be business or pleasure. Dad had many friends, some from Rotary and The Masons, thank you!

A special thanks to all his friends that spent time with him & enriched his life, Joe, Marvin, Ev, Dave, Linore & Murray, just to mention a few.

Last but not least, thank you to Dr. Scott Coles for taking such good care of Dad.

Health & happiness to all

Bob's family;

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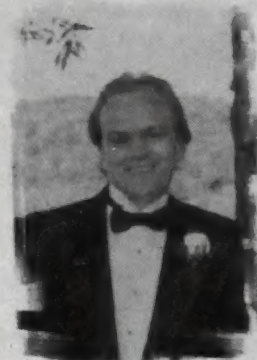
Deaths

WALSH, Max;

Peacefully, with his family at his side, on Tuesday, November 20, 2007. Max Walsh, in his 71st year, was the beloved husband of Roberta (Bigood) Walsh of Wilberforce. Loving father of Kathleen Rogers (Stephen), Rhonda Walsh and Julie Walsh. Grandfather of Michael and Stephanie (Skally Wag and Cutie Pie). Dear brother of Blanche (Bob) Ashton, Joan (Fred) Meharrie, Judy (Vince) Coborn and Jackie (Emile) Bouchard. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews and friends. Predeceased by his son Robert (1971) and his brothers Stanley (Norma) and Bernard.



Max's family received relatives and friends at the Essonville Historical Church (Essonville Line, Wilberforce) on Friday, November 23, 2007. A Celebration of Max's life took place at 7:00 p.m. with interment at Essonville Pioneer Cemetery, Wilberforce. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Monmouth Firefighter's Association or The Essonville Historical Church would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to M.G. Daly Funeral Home, Maynooth. (Cards available at the funeral home (613) 338-3259 or e-mail condolences to dalyfuneralhome@bellnet.ca or visit www.mgdalyfuneralhome.com).



Leslie 'Les' Edward Iles

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday morning, November 21, 2007 in his 46th year. Cherished son of Dorothy Iles and the late Edward (Ted) Iles. Loving brother of Sheila (Mrs. Bob Cole) of Huntsville. Lovingly remembered by his nephew Corey.

Also remembered by his uncle Richard Davies (Grace) of Haliburton and his aunt Beverly (Bev) (Ron Sawyer) of Little Britain, his many cousins and friends. Les worked for Minden Home Hardware for several years.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday evening, November 23, 2007 from 7-9 p.m. Then on Saturday morning, November 24, 2007 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

PEELING, Jack - Passed away suddenly after a short illness on Wednesday, November 21, 2007. In his 76th year.

Dear brother of Bill and his wife Carol of Carnarvon. Uncle to Patti and her husband Tom, Bill and his fiancé Jennifer, Jamie and his wife Kerri, Mike and his wife Tiana, Great Uncle to Leah, Darcy, Kayla, and Holly. Fondly remembered by the Windsor and Tompkins Families.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Saturday, November 24, 2007 from 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00.

Interment at Glendale Memorial Gardens, Toronto on Monday, November 26, 2007.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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PETERS, Yvonne Marie - Passed away peacefully at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto on Monday November 26, 2007. Yvonne Peters in her 68th year was the beloved wife of Frank Douglas. Loving mother of Myra Lee Peters, Eugene Peters (Lindsay), Margie Brydon, Rick Douglas (Veronica), Steve Douglas (Linda), Charlene Beverley (Dave), and Kim Setzer (Andy). Dear grandmother of Kelsey, Ashley, Tyler, Celina, Miranda, Shandra, William, Brent, Katrina, Chantelle, Tanya, Amanda, Paige, and Great grandmother of 4. Yvonne is survived by her mother Rose Victor. Friends may call at the **INNISFIL FUNERAL HOME**, 7910 Yonge Street (Stroud), (705) 431-1717 on Thursday November 29th from 11:00 a.m. until the time of Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society (Lung Cancer Research). Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at yvonnepeters@innisfilfuneralhome.ca

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Obituaries

HYDE, Jean M - Passed away at the Freeport Health Centre of Grand River Hospital on November 8, 2007 at the age of 84 years.

Predeceased by her husband, the love of her life, Ray in 2003. Devoted mother of Donald Hyde (Linda Coneybeare) of Haliburton, Rae Marie Hyde of Barrie, Chuck Hyde (Cathy) of Barrie, Janice Hyde (Barry Severn) of Thornhill and Robert Hyde of Kitchener. Loving grandmother of Devon, James, Rob, Jon, Christine, Becky, Andrea and Josh and great-grandmother of on Katelyn, Conner with another blessing still on the way.

Predeceased by her parents, Eric Charles Bradford and Margaret Dorothy Mary Husbands.

A Funeral Service was held in Waterloo on November 12, with a private family interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Port Colborne on November 13.

Condolences for the family and donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario or Freeport Health Centre may be arranged through the funeral home, 519-745-8445 or www.erbgood.com.

In living memory of Jean, a tree will be planted through the Trees for Learning Program by the funeral home.

Jean had fond memories of the Haliburton Highlands as the Hyde family lived in Minden from 1967-1971 when Ray was the bank manager at the CIBC branch in Minden.

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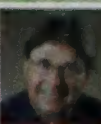
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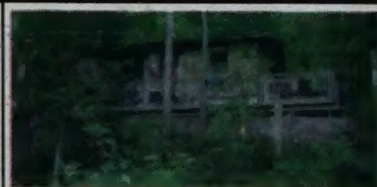
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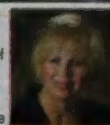
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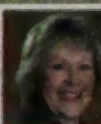
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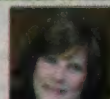
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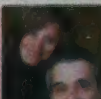
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